Clerks in the offices of the Excise Commissioner and the Assistant Excise Commissioners.

242. *MR. THARIATU KUNJITHOMMEN (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement by caste of the clerks in the office of the Excise Commissioner and in those of the Assistant Excise Commissioners?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Ag. Excise Commissioner*): *A statement is laid on the table.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ആഫീസിൽ ടെമ്പററി ആയിട്ടും പെർമനന്റ് ആയിട്ടും ജാക്കൊബൈറ്റ്സിൽനിന്നും ആരേയും നിയമിച്ചുകാണുന്നില്ല. അതു അവരിൽ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവർ ആരും ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണൊ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: സ്ഥിരമെന്നും ആക്ററിങ്ങെന്നും രണ്ടു തരത്തിലാണു നിയമനം നടത്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്. പബ്ലിക്കസർവ്വീസു റിക്രൂട്ടമെൻറ് റൂൾസ്സ് അനുസരിച്ചു ലാംഗ് സർവീസുകാരെയാണു നിയമിച്ചതു്.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണരാഫീസിൽ സ്ഥിരമായിട്ടോ ആക്ററിങ്ങായിട്ടോ ജാക്കൊബൈറ്റ്സിനെ ആരേയും നിയമിച്ചുകാണുന്നില്ല. അങ്ങിനെ നിയമിക്കാത്തതു് അവരിൽ അപേക്ഷകന്മാരില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടോ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതയുള്ളവരില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടോ അതല്ലാ അവക്കു് ഉദ്യോഗം വേണ്ടെന്നു വച്ചിട്ടോ എന്താണു് കാരണം?

MR. M. K NILAKANTA AIYAR: ഈ മൂന്നു സംഗതികളുമല്ല അതിനു കാരണം.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: പിന്നെ എന്താണു് അതിനു കാരണം?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: അങ്ങിനെ സംഭവിച്ചു എന്നേയുള്ളൂ.

Representations about interference by Government officers in the Mavelikara-Kunnattur bye-election.

243. *MR. P. K. KUMARAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to them about interference by Government officers in the Mavelikara-Kunnattur bye-election;

(*b*) if so, the names of the officers involved; and

(*c*) the steps, if any, taken by Government in the matter?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Some representations have been received.

(*b*) it is not in public interests to mention the names.

(*c*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN: May I know what those representations exactly are?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Representations were to the effect that some Government Officers intervened on behalf of one or other of the candidates.

MR. P. K. KUMARAN: With reference to answer to part (*b*) may I know why the Government think that it is not in public interests to mention the names of these officers?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is the opinion of the Government.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): May I know from the member whether he can give any details about those representations as to the date on which the representations were received or the names of persons who sent them?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: A number of telegrams have been received; one from Mr. Sankara Pillai and another from Mr. Thanu Pillai himself. Only so much information is now available.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that a large number of officers were canvassing for one candidate?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Some complaints to that effect have been received. But Government have not got any information to the effect that any Government Officer canvassed on behalf of any candidate.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that a number of voters were actually terrorised by the Police with a view to making them vote for one particular candidate?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No, Sir, Government are not aware.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I wish to know from the member whether he is aware that in that voting the percentage of open votes was very much larger than in any other elections in the State?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, is that question relevant.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the honcurable member refers to that as irregularities in the election.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: There is no information.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government have received the election report from the Returning Officer.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I am not in possession of the report now. If the report was due from the Returning Officer, it might have been received.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know from the member what action Government have till now taken with regard to those representations?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Government are conducting an enquiry with regard to some complaints which they think deserve enquiry.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the result of the enquiry so far?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The enquiry has not been completed and no reports have been received.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the date on which the election took place?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Sir, the member is not asking for information. He knows it.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I have not noted the date of the election.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that that election was not a real election in the sense in which it was conducted?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member cannot put an answer in the mouth of the Government by furnishing information. The honourable member will modify his question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know when the Government hopes to dispose of those representations?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: When the report is received.

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know who conducts the enquiry?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The matter has been referred to the Division Peishkar, Quilon.

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN: May I know whether definite charges have not been made against that officer?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The complaints worth enquiry has been referred to the Division Peishkar.

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN: May I know whether a statement of the President of the State Congress about the official interference of officers has been brought to the notice of Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: As far as I know, no such statement has been brought to Government's notice.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know about how many officers complaints have been made?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I cannot give the exact number now.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: Was there any interference in the election by the Police?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know whether the revenue authorities took action on poramboke cases?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : There is no such complaints.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: പെറിഷനിൽ ചീഫ്സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ പേർക്കുടി ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: ചീഫ്സെക്രട്ടറി എന്ന് അതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. P. K. KUNJU: ഇലക്ഷൻകാലത്തു ചീഫ്സെക്രട്ടറി മാവേലിക്കരെ പോയിട്ടുണ്ടായിരുന്നോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : കുറെദിവസം മുമ്പു ഒരു കല്യാണത്തിനുവേണ്ടി ചീഫ്സെക്രട്ടറി മാവേലിക്കര പോയിരുന്നു.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : ചീഫ്സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ വീട് മാവേലിക്കരെയല്ലെ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: അതെ.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): May I know whether any election petition has been preferred with reference to this election ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No election petition has been so far presented to the knowledge of Government.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*) : May I know whether there was complaints from both the sides ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Yes.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : May I know whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the articles and statements published in Newspapers at that time ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Articles in general about the conduct of the officers have been brought to the notice of Government.

MR. K. THOMAS : My question was whether the attention of Government has been drawn to statements and articles regarding the interference of officers in that election ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : I have already answered that question.

MR. K. T. THOMAS : Is it the answer that their attention has not been drawn to such articles ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : That is what I have said already.

MR. T. M. VARGHESE (*Pathanamthitta*) : May I know whether both the candidates have agreed that there was official interference ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : Government did not ascertain the views of the candidates.

MR. T. M. VARGHESE : My question is whether both the candidates have agreed as to the complaints that there was official interference in the election ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I have already answered that question in answer to a question put by Mr. Sivarama Pillai.

MR. T. M. VARGHESE: Is the complaint to the effect that there was official interference?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is exactly what I said.

MR. T. M. VARGHESE: Did both parties ask for an enquiry?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes, on behalf of both.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: What were the allegations for the complaints by the opposite party?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I do not know who the opposite party is in the opinion of the member?

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: Mr. Sivarama Pillai put a question relating to the opposite parties, may I know who that opposite party is?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: He referred only to both parties.

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